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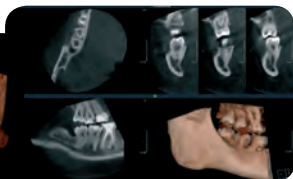
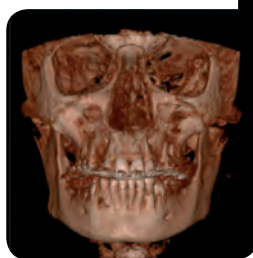
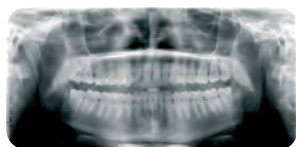
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Editorial

Dear colleagues,

These days I am convinced that many of us are looking forward to our travelling to Japan to be part of the great event in our discipline in 2011; the 18th International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology in Hiroshima, 25-29 May. I hope many colleagues from all over the world will be there to make this congress a successful one, also economically. I know our Japanese colleagues have been working hard to give us both a scientific programme and social experiences that we never will forget.



When you read this, I hope there have been exciting responses to the calls for site nominations for the 20th ICDMFR in 2015 and nominations for the Board of Directors 2011-2013, see the electronic – only Newsletter v36n1 at the IADMFR website.

This is my last work as editor of our newsletter. My co-editor, Bjørn Bamse Mork-Knutsen, and I are most grateful in particular to our fellow IADMFR officers, with the President and the Secretary General in front, and all others who have contributed to the four issues of the newsletter that we have been responsible for. If I should give one advice to the next newsletter editor based on my own experiences: start to plan your first version immediately after the Hiroshima Congress to avoid delayed production.

It feels like yesterday, but it is nearly two years since it was decided at the General Assembly in Amsterdam 2009 that the 19th ICDMFR should be organized by a Norwegian team. It is the second time in the history of IADMFR that the international congress will be organized in a Nordic country. Mark the dates 22-27 June, 2013 in your calendar. We will work hard to make it a great event.

But first I wish President Tanimoto and his team all the best for a successful congress in Hiroshima!

Tore A. Larheim
President-Elect of IADMFR

From the President of 18th ICDMFR

Dear Friends,

This is my final address as the president to invite IADMFR members to the 18th ICDMFR 2011 in Hiroshima. I am pleased to announce that we received 347 abstract submissions from 30 countries! The highest number, 96 abstracts, came from Japan. We are pleased to see the support from our host country. Iran was second, with 40 submissions, followed by Turkey with 25 submissions. I would never have expected so many submissions from the Middle East countries; therefore I really appreciate those people who submitted their abstracts. Thank you friends.



The programme committee has been working very hard. The theme of this congress is "Radiation and Peace". As you know, we have a very sad history in Hiroshima. Just before the end of World War II, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were exposed to atomic bombing. It was said that more than 140,000 people were killed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. After the war, many exposed people suffered from the radiation effect. Hiroshima's citizens were the first people who suffered from the atomic bombing. That is the reason why I proposed the theme, "Radiation and Peace". "We love Peace" and "We hate war!" I believe that all the participants share our hope for world peace, and I hope this dream will come true in the near future.

Last year I tried to attend as many international meetings as possible. The first one was the 12th European Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology held 2-5 June, 2010 in Istanbul. At this Congress, we are grateful to Dr Gerard Sanderink, Chairman of the 17th ICDMFR, for the help he provided by introducing us to potential sponsors for our Congress. Two Silver Sponsors resulted from these meetings, along with other sponsors from Europe. Thank you for your kindness and help. We are also thankful to the 17th ICDMFR team for helping us with our homepage.



(l-r) Allan G Farman, Manson Hing and Keiji Tanimoto

We attended the 8th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ACOMFR), which was held 14-16 November, 2010 in Seoul. The ACOMFR was held in the same venue as the G20, and when we arrived the venue, the advertising displays remained there. We learned much in the congress and enjoyed Korean food and songs and dancing. Dr Chan-Seo Park also introduced us some sponsors and one of them became a Bronze Sponsor. We are really helped by the world friends.

We then attended the 61st American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the Kona Kai Resort, San Diego, California, USA. We flew from Incheon Airport to San Diego, via Los Angeles. We thoroughly enjoyed the meeting, especially Dr Jie Yang's trip to 'Little Italy', and accompanying my Chinese friends to a wonderful Chinese restaurant. At this meeting, I also had the great honour of meeting, Professor Emeritus Manson Hing. He is a famous and inspiring figure, and we learned from his textbook when I was young.



(l-r) Samir (Bangladesh), Pipop (Thailand), Keiji (Japan) at the Atomic Dome

We visited Taipei to attend the annual meeting of the Taiwan Dental Association, where we enjoyed Chinese food and explored the city.

Finally, Dr Allan G Farman, Prof ME Parker and I were invited to the 22nd National Conference of Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology (held in collaboration with IADMFR) in New Delhi 17-19 December, 2010. We hope to visit India again in the future.

Last but not least, I want to express my sincere thanks to our distinguished IADMFR members. As president of IADMFR, I have had so many chances to make new friends from all over the world. We look forward to welcoming all our friends to the Congress in May. We are looking forward your participation.

Keiji Tanimoto
President of IADMFR

From the Secretary General

Dear Members.

Greetings from Cape Town. I hope all our colleagues are getting ready for the 18th ICDMFR in Hiroshima, Japan 25-29 May 2011. The organizing committees have put together a very promising scientific and social programme. We look forward to seeing you all in Hiroshima.



Please find below a draft Agenda for the General Assembly in Hiroshima. The reports and other materials belonging to the agenda will be available on the website of the IADMFR (www.iadmfr.org) in the second week of May 2011.

DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IADMFR

Date: 28 May, 2011

Venue: Phoenix Room, 2nd Basement Floor
The International Congress Center, Hiroshima

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting Prof. Keiji Tanimoto
President IADMFR
2. Absentees and alternates Prof. M.E.Parker
Secretary General
3. Minutes of the General Assembly, 1 July 2009, Amsterdam
RAI Convention Centre

- 4. Report of the Secretary General Prof. M.E. Parker
- 5. Report of the Treasurer/Finance committee Prof. Curly Nortjé
- 6. Past President's Report Prof. Paul van der Stelt
- 7. President's Report Prof. Keiji Tanimoto
- 8. Report of the President-Elect Prof. Tore A. Larheim
- 9. Report of the Newsletter Editor Prof. Tore A. Larheim
- 10. Editor's Report Prof. Sharon Brooks
- 11. Publisher's Report Ms Sherry Dixon
- 12. Committee Reports
- 13. IADMFR Research Award 2011 Prof. Sharon Brooks
- 14. Report of the Nominating Committee Prof. Paul van der Stelt
(Chair)
(Congress 2015, Board Members, committees)
- 15. Other items as submitted
- 16. Closure

Mohamed E. Parker
Secretary General of IADMFR

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**17th International Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology,
Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 28 June - 2 July, 2009
FINAL REPORT**

Introduction

The decision to accept the bid of The Netherlands to host the 17th ICDMFR in Amsterdam was approved by the members of the association at the General Assembly during the 15th ICDMFR congress in Cape Town, South Africa in 2005. This is the second congress held in the Netherlands, as the fifth congress was organized in Utrecht in 1983.



The first formal meeting of the organizing committee was held in August 2005 where a committee was formed consisting of the following members:

Chairman	Dr. Gerard Sanderink
Co-chairman	Prof. Dr. Paul van der Stelt
Vice-chairman	Dr Erwin Berkhout
Treasurer	Dr. Xandra Velders
Member	Dr. Kostas Syriopoulos
Secretary	Mrs. Yvonne Emmer

The committee met approximately once a month from 2005 and onwards, and more frequently in the months before the congress. MCI, Amsterdam Office, a professional congress organizer executed a major part of the logistics, and was represented by Eveline Koeman at the meetings. To save time and travelling part of these meetings were done by phone conferencing.

Promotion of the Congress

At an early stage in the planning, the decision was taken to use a website and the internet as the main channel for communication. 5,000 copies of a first announcement were printed and distributed amongst member of the Association and at many international and regional congresses. The committee members promoted the meeting at various congresses and at the Congress in Beijing. Dutch jenever and `stroopwafels` were available for tasting.

There was no need for a printed second announcement as all communication was done with help of the website. This was available directly after the Beijing congress. It provided all information regarding the call for papers, the pre-congress course, congress fees, accompanying persons programs, hotel accommodation, functions, etc.

Support and Sponsorship

The 17th ICDMFR is indebted to IADMFR for a USD 10,000 start up loan to get the ball rolling for organizing the congress. The Trust Fund also contributed USD 20,000, which enabled the committee to invite graduates and other colleagues from countries that are categorized by the World Bank as Low Income or Low-middle Income Economies. Travel Grants were issues to 16 candidates. In these cases the registration fee was waived. The four candidates from Low Income countries also received Euro 1000 for travel expenses.

Our exhibitors played an important part making the congress a great success. We are very grateful to our Platinum Sponsor, PlanMeca; Gold Sponsor, Morita and Silver Sponsors, QR NewTom and ODS Emago.

The 17th International Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology was held at the RAI Conference Centre in Amsterdam, from 29 June until 2 July 2009, and was preceded by the Pre-Congress Course on the 28 June. The Pre-Congress Course theme was "CBCT exposed" focusing on state-of-the-art information on this theme. The programme included the following speakers with their presentations:

- Willi Kalender, Erlangen, Germany: CBCT principles and performance characteristics
- John Ludlow, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA: Dosimetry of CBCT.
- Guy Marchal, Leuven, Belgium: Large field CBCT versus volumetric CT: body applications.
- Bassam Hassan, Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Cone Beam CT 3D imaging and navigation
- Kostas Tsiklakis, Athens, Greece: CBCT in dentistry.

This day was well attended by a mixture of delegates who were also registered for the main Congress and local clinicians in both Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and other related specialties.

Opening Ceremony

Immediately following the close of the Pre-Congress the Opening Ceremony of the main congress was held including a call of nations. In addition to the formal welcome by the President and other distinguished dignitaries from Amsterdam, a folk dance group performing traditional dances from the Netherlands entertained us. The welcome party in the exhibition area followed this.

The organizing committee had decided to hold the lunch and coffee breaks throughout the main congress, within the exhibition and poster area giving the delegates an opportunity to interact with the exhibitors.

Registration of Participants

The 17th ICDMFR was attended by 499 people (pre-congress course and congress), distributed in registration categories below:

Category	Pre-congress	Congress
members	75	181
non members	38	97
students	17	69

Travel grants		16
Accompanying persons		52
Invited speakers	5	5
Exhibitors		41
Sponsors		15

Forty nine countries were represented at the Meeting, (the largest number since 1968) with the majority of the delegates coming from Europe with The Netherlands having the highest representation. The distribution per continent was as follows:

Continent	Participants
Africa	14
Asia	142
Australasia	4
Europe	275
North America	37
South America	27

Scientific Presentations

The congress itself consisted of six presentations by invited speakers and a round table discussion, 102 oral presentations, and 172 poster presentations. Special thanks to the scientific committee and the reviewers as they had to give their opinion on the acceptance or rejections of the huge number of abstracts submitted. Due to the large number of submissions, posters were on display for two days only. This made it possible to hold two rounds of poster sessions. Oral presentations were held in two rooms simultaneously. All efforts were made to avoid conflicts in themes presented at the same time. Six keynote speakers were invited covering a variety of subjects dealing with imaging. The speakers were:

- Robert Speller, UK: The development of new sensor systems and their use in and outside medicine,
- William Scarfe, USA: CBCT in perspective: Emerging trends and practices in oral and maxillofacial imaging,
- Isaïc van der Waal, The Netherlands: Diseases of the jaw bones with emphasis on the clinico-radiological features,
- A Taguchi, Japan: Diagnosis of osteoporosis on panoramic radiographs, Christina Lindh, Sweden: Evidence from studies of diagnostic imaging and finally
- Wolfgang Birkfellner, Austria: Technical issues of image guided surgery.

Exhibitors

Twenty exhibitors were present at the congress, which included most of the companies that have supported IADMFR over the last forty years. Free exhibition stands were made available for the Secretariat of IADMFR, and the Hiroshima ICDMFR organizing committee. The exhibition area was the heart of the meeting as here the registration area, coffee breaks and entrances to the lecture halls and poster areas came all together.

Social Events

Special social events were held each of the four days of the Congress. On the first evening a reception was hosted by the President in the exhibition area of the congress. The delegates were entertained during the reception by a Dutch barrel organ and several small stands with typical Dutch food and snacks. On Monday evening the participants went by boats to the Reception hosted by the City Council of Amsterdam. After a trip through the typical canals of Amsterdam we enjoyed an informal reception at the balcony of the city hall over viewing the Amstel River. A representative of the city council welcomed us and explained about the multicultural aspect of the city and problems it is faced with. The second half of Tuesday afternoon and evening was available for the traditional informal event. We went by bus to the city of Enkhuizen enjoyed the beautiful facades in the historical harbor en visited the Museum Park with many authentically

built houses. Guided tours were here available and the trip was concluded with an informal BBQ. Also due to the exceptionally nice weather this was an unforgettable trip. The congress dinner and dance were held at the Westerkerk. This historical place is located close to the house where Ann Frank wrote her diary. It was an exceptionally enjoyable party at an historical place where good food, drinks and music made it very memorable evening.

The closing ceremony of the 17th ICDMFR took place in the Auditorium at three o'clock on Thursday 2 July, where Professor Paul van der Stelt officially handed the presidency over to Professor Keiji Tanimoto. A farewell party outside the congress centre at the trendy city beach 'Strand Zuid' followed this ceremony, and while enjoying the exceptionally nice weather the time had come to say good-bye.

Conclusion

In all the congress performed in a way we had planned it to be. Of course this may not be in everyone's tradition, but in the way we believed it was best to show our view on IADMFR congresses. After the meeting a survey was held to evaluate the meeting and to inform future organizers about the preferences of the participants.

We are happy that due to the large numbers of participants and the more than generous sponsors total budget of Euro 375,315 a profit of Euro 60.128 (approx USD 81,200) remained. This amount will be added to the Trust Fund.

Detailed information about the financial aspects of the 17th ICDMFR will be published at the IADMFR website.

Gerard Sanderink
Chairman

Paul van der Stelt
Co-chairman and Past President

DMFR Editor's Report

This is the last of many Editor's Reports that I have shared with you because, as I announced at the Congress in Amsterdam, I am stepping down as Editor of DMFR as of the Congress in Hiroshima. I haven't changed my mind – it is time for a change.

The ad hoc search committee, comprised of Bill Scarfe, Reinhilde Jacobs and me, has been working hard to identify the person who should assume responsibility for the journal when I retire. While I won't reveal the name of the person here (and actually, it is the Board of Directors that makes the appointment), we were very lucky to have excellent candidates. We made them work hard! Not only did they have to submit their Curriculum vitae and a statement of why they were interested in becoming editor of DMFR and their ideas for the future of the journal, we also gave them a test. We gave them 4 manuscripts that have crossed my desk in the last few months, with author names removed, along with the reviews of the papers (again with reviewer names removed), and asked them how they would handle these papers and the reasons for their decisions. Then in



early February we held interviews electronically, via GoToMeeting that Bill Scarfe set up for us, so we could talk with each candidate “in person”. For each interview we had 4 people in 3 different countries talking together.

If you have visited the IADMFR website recently and clicked on “Journal on DMFR” in the left-hand list of links, you may have noticed a change in design of the page and some new features that may be of interest to you, including a list of the 50 most cited papers and a list of the 50 most read papers from DMFR, updated monthly. This was instituted by our publisher Sherry Dixon of the British Institute of Radiology.

In the most cited papers, you will probably not be surprised to find that many of them are related to CBCT, particularly dosimetry, but other “hot topics” include digital imaging in general and osteoporosis.

Sherry Dixon has also informed me that work is being done on online publishing ahead of print, a feature that is available for many journals already. That will help with the long delay in publishing manuscripts after acceptance. She expected it to be in place by the end of 2011.

Manuscript submission in 2010 reached an all-time high of 355 papers. Unfortunately, the rejection rate was also high, partly because we have a limited number of pages in the journal and partly because not all of the papers were of high scientific quality. You may have observed that the number of case reports published in DMFR has diminished significantly over the years since I became editor. In the early days we didn’t have enough papers to fill the journal and we accepted some that we would not accept today. That is no longer the problem – we have plenty of papers. However, it seems that many of the papers that are submitted are relatively simple case reports on topics that are generally familiar to our readers. Others are confirmatory science and while the studies are done well, they provide no new information. We (and I speak also for the upcoming editor)

would love to get good scientific studies that advance our knowledge, not just confirm it, and we would really love it if we could get papers that move up the hierarchy of knowledge. We know that CBCT is accurate – now is the time to find out in which situations it really makes a difference in diagnosis and patient outcome. Not easy studies to do but critical for our profession.

I have enjoyed my 8 years as editor of DMFR and I am glad to have had the opportunity and privilege to serve my fellow radiologists. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Hiroshima.

Sharon Brooks
Editor, *Dentomaxillofacial Radiology*

Report from Europe

Dear IADMFR members, dear friends!

The award for best European DMFR event in 2011, should definitely go to the team that organised the Istanbul EADMFR meeting in May 2010. Istanbul has historically developed as the cross-point of cultures and continents and thus, it seems obvious that the 12th European congress is a pure and positive reflection of that getting it classified as a true milestone in European DMFR history. The congress was indeed outstanding, offering us a wonderful time served with both cultural and scientific highlights and topped with some Star Wars innovation. Thanks to the Turkish hosts, this event is unforgettably coded into our brains.



Another attractive European hotspot is surely the Euratom sedentexCT project, as many scientists from different universities have collaborated intensely and immensely to critically approach dental CBCT from multiple dimensions. This project is successfully coordinated by Keith Horner, University of Manchester, and meanwhile nearing the end of a 3.5 year study on safety and efficacy of cone beam CT in dentistry. To present the results and to critically discuss these with an interested and highly specialised audience, a workshop will take place in Leeds, UK, on Thursday 31 March 2011, as part of the British Society of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology spring meeting.

The workshop will also report on the mission to develop of a set of European

Guidelines on the use of cone beam CT for dental and maxillofacial radiology, including the development of a standard dose index, a phantom for quality assurance, work on diagnostic accuracy of CBCT and health economics aspects (www.sedentext.eu).

Updated guidelines are also prepared by the European Academy of Osseointegration regarding imaging techniques for implant surgery and rehabilitation. The SedentexCT reports will surely serve as a guidance and source of inspiration.

Apart from this, it is worthwhile mentioning some common European DMFR activities, with other organisations, neighbouring us in speciality or geography, as such to further widen our horizon. Interesting to mention in this respect is the upcoming 4D EADMFR-Chinese DMFR meeting in Dalian, China, immediately preceding the IADMFR Hiroshima meeting (22-23 May, 2011; <http://home.dlmedu.edu.cn/stomatology/4D/4D.htm>) with a direct flight transfer from Dalian to Hiroshima. Furthermore, the 11th European Head and Neck Society meeting is this year organised by Jan Casselman in medieval Bruges from 8-10 September, 2011, with a dedicated dentomaxillofacial day (www.eshnr2011.be).

Further in the future, we are also looking forward to the 2012 EADMFR meeting in Leipzig, which is being organised by Edgar Hirsch. In order to prepare for this and subsequent meetings and in response to changing needs and new ways of communication, the website of the EADMFR recently moved to a new address (www.eadmfr.info).

We would like to conclude by wishing Prof Tanimoto and the entire Hiroshima team good luck in organising the upcoming IADMFR congress!

Ann Wenzel and Reinhilde Jacobs
IADMFR Regional Directors, Europe

Report from Japan

Two nationwide scientific meetings are organized by the Japanese Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (JSOMR) every year.



The 52nd Annual Congress of JSOMR will be held at the International Conference Center Hiroshima in Hiroshima City on 25-29 May, 2011 accompanying the 18th International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology (ICDMFR).

The 16th Annual Meeting of Diagnostic Imaging for Oral and Maxillofacial Lesions (Diagnostic Imaging Section of JSOMR) will be held in Niigata on 1-2 October, 2011. We welcome you to the meetings and Scientific Sessions of both Congresses.



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In the Japanese booth of the 18th International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology at the 8th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Radiology held in Seoul, 14-16 November, 2010.

The 15th Annual Meeting of Diagnostic Imaging for Oral and Maxillofacial Lesions (Diagnostic Imaging Section of JSOMR) was held in Kagoshima on 4-5 October, 2010. The congress was chaired by Professor Hideyuki Majima of the Kagoshima University Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences. There were 33 oral presentations and 12 poster presentations.

The symposium was given the theme of "For the DICOM standardization of the intraoral digital X-ray taking". Three symposium lectures were given by Dr. Yutaka Itoh, Hokkaido University Hospital; Hiroshi Sakamoto, Tohoku University; and Eiichi Honda, Tokushima University, and the panel discussions were carried out.

Jun-ichi Asaumi
IADMFR regional Director, Asia

AAOMR Update 2010-11

Early in 2010 the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology introduced an improved website (www.aaomr.org) developed by the membership under the able leadership of Dania Tamimi. This provides both a membership section and an extensive public area. The website provides a link to the ADEA website among other valuable resources. The AAOMR website is the source of an entirely electronic periodic Newsletter and the Digest of the Academy. AAOMR membership subscriptions and Annual Session registrations are conducted electronically through the website.



In 2010, the AAOMR participated in the American Dental Association Annual Session in Orlando with nine featured speakers, six at the Live Operatory Theater and three in the symposium on CBCT organized by the ADA Council on Scientific Sessions. The AAOMR had a booth within the commercial exhibit space throughout the ADA meeting. In 2011, the AAOMR plans to again be active within the ADA Annual Session in Las Vegas. Plans are in an advanced stage for initiation of a whole day Level 1 Certification Course in Cone-Beam CT (CBCT). Likely this will be run three times with seven speakers/clinicians. This effort is being led by the AAOMR Chair of Continuing Education, Maria Mora. The contents of the Level 1 course will mirror those in place in Germany and planned in the United Kingdom. The AAOMR is also authoring an online continuation education course on CBCT

The AAOMR initiated several position paper developments and updates in 2010, some in collaboration with other groups in organized dentistry/specialties of dentistry. We are proud that the joint AAOMR/AEE position

paper on use of CBCT in Endodontics (co-chaired for AAOMR by Dale Miles and for AAE by Martin Levin) is now published. The AAOMR and AAE have retained copyright and the document can be circulated by other as it is being maintained "open source." A similar joint effort between AAOMR and AAO is in process and should be published later this year. There are also efforts in process to update somewhat dated existing position papers on TMJ imaging and for dental implant planning. Additional activities for position paper development are in process and planned. The AAOMR Position Paper Editor is Mansur Ahmad. AAOMR is participating in discussions led by the ADA for updates in use guidelines for dental radiographic procedures and their extension to include the modality of CBCT.

The AAOMR continues to work with Elsevier in editing the Oral Radiology section of *OOOOE*, under the capable Editorship of Bill Scarfe. While the number of submissions rises continuously there is never an excess of excellent scientific papers as can be gauged from a rejection rate of 82% (the same rate as the Oral Pathology section). As a small discipline there is never an excess either of qualified reviewers. The AAOMR initiated the Lincoln Manson-Hing Award for excellence in scientific reviewing of OMR papers in 2010. The first recipient was Jim Geist and he received his award in person from Lincoln Manson-Hing at the AAOMR Annual Banquet in San Diego.

The AAOMR is becoming involved more directly in developing Standards and Guidelines related to imaging. As of 12 October, 2010, the AAOMR became a voting member in its own right in the DICOM Standards Committee (as did AAO at the same time). From 1996 until that date AAOMR had relied upon the ADA to represent organized dentistry – indeed I had been the ADA Representative to DICOM for a decade (much longer than the usual maximum 4 year term!). The AAOMR is a member organization of IHE-Radiology. AAOMR also has been in contact with IEC 86B with a mind to joining the US Technical Advisory Group for this international organization

that specifies requirements for manufacture of X-ray equipment. The AAOMR continues to sponsor the National Council Radiation Protection and is seeking representation on the ICRP. In terms of radiation safety, the AAOMR is additionally joining the Pediatric community in supporting the campaign to "Image Gently" for children given their substantially larger calculated risk to radiation than is the case for adults. AAOMR supports the mission of the American College of Radiology and associated groups to always "Image Wisely" with all imaging being prescribed by a licensed practitioner based upon patient individual needs rather than routines. As experts in OMR we feel that we are the best suited to lead, rather than follow, in all matters related to imaging standards for dentistry. It is understood that there must also be input from specific disciplines regarding the imaging needs for their specific tasks.

While many Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologists use CPT medical procedure codes combined with ICD-9 diagnosis codes, there are some CDT dental codes for radiography. Indeed perhaps it is these codes that some may consider define what is considered to be acceptable diagnostic imaging practice within dentistry. These codes are revised periodically with a 2 year cycle for implementation. Unfortunately, the CDT codes are at best somewhat out of date, and at worst largely in process of obsolescence. The first clue to the problem comes with the term "film" rather than "image" for the majority of the very few categories listed. Intra-oral "films" dominate the list, and there is a statement that one should retain originals and send out duplicates as duplicates are invariably inferior to originals – i.e. taking originals to be invariably "film." TMJ arthrography still has a code while this is rarely performed presently. CBCT is not sufficiently divided by task and field of view. Further, the introduction indicates that CDT codes include both technique and interpretation. This was true in the past, but is not necessarily the case now there is a specialty of OMR making over-reads of advanced imaging such as large FOV CBCT, MSCT and MRI. For sure, CDT

Codes will be higher on the list of priorities for AAOMR over the immediate future.

CDT code revisions are proposed by the profession through activity led by the ADA. The decision, however, is made (following court order) by a twin panel of six representatives from the profession and six from the insurance industry. A six-to-six vote has been considered to mean change fails; however, there is an independent appeals process that when used for the first time recently has resulted in all three appeals being found in favor of the profession. This opens more opportunities for change in the future so that codes better reflect what we do as professionals. Of course, just because a code exists does not bind an insurance company to cover that activity. That, however, is one political matter that I will not wade into in this report.

The AAOMR has seen growth in the numbers attending Annual Session over the past two years, with numbers now in the range of 300 in attendance. It has also seen a return of numbers of submitted scientific abstracts to levels equivalent to any time previously, and quality also seems to be on the rise. The next AAOMR Annual Congress will be held at the Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago, 7-10 December, 2011. Plans are already under way under the Annual Sessions leadership of Juan Yepes and Bob Cederberg. Key elements of the continuing education will be provided by Drs. Mike Vannier (Chair of Diagnostic Radiology, University of Chicago and Editor-in-Chief of *IJCARS*) and Per-Lennart Westesson (Head of Neuroradiology, University of NY Rochester who in a "former professional life" was an OMR in Sweden). One of the keynote addresses will be made by Walt Bogdanich, Associate Editor and Investigative Reporter for the New York Times. He will cover the role of investigative journalism in attempting to keep the public safe from excessive use of diagnostic and therapeutic radiations. There will again be an Educational Session led by John Brand. We certainly hope that all in ADEA who are interested in OMR will consider attending AAOMR-2011,

Chicago. His report on CBCT in the 23 November, 2010 issue of the *NY Times* has certainly opened up debate on image selection and radiation safety in dentistry.

The AAOMR welcomes the new program in OMR at the University of Washington in Seattle. Well done Curtis Chen. Hopefully more new programs will emerge in the imminent future.

The AAOMR has become the first and only dental organization at this time holding membership of the "Image Gently" alliance. This alliance is formed to promote safe use of X-radiation for imaging children. Further details can be found at: www.imagegently.org It is suggested that other dentomaxillofacial radiology groups also consider supporting the worthwhile goals of this alliance.

Periodic review of the dental specialties occurs each decade in the USA. This is presently in process for all dental specialties and Brad Patter lead the self study for OMR. The matter of periodic review outcomes will be on the agenda of the ADA House of Delegates in Las Vegas this year. OMR will be well represented.

Allan G. Farman
President AAOMR

Report from the Middle East

This winter our region is not as rainy as we would hope. The dryness is felt not only in the weather, but also in our specialty area. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the EADMFR congress in Istanbul, so a great opportunity for collaboration and further advancing of our field with colleagues from all over the globe and our own Middle East region colleagues was missed.



I would like to congratulate our colleagues from Turkey and our European colleagues for a very successful meeting as I followed the meeting from a distance. We look forward to a continuation of the mutual and fruitful work which is still going on with our Turkish colleagues.

I would like to thank our European and American colleagues for their great work and efforts in establishing guidelines for CBCT use; your work helps in our region to raise awareness of reasonable and acceptable use of CBCT machines. As DMFR is yet not a recognized specialty in Israel the big steps our field has made in recent years all over the world gives us the tailwind needed for making DMFR a recognized specialty. I hope that in the next newsletter I will be able to report the good news.

I am looking forward to meeting all our colleagues in Hiroshima in May, especially colleagues from the Middle East. This will be an occasion for establishing our professional cooperation in advancing DMFR in our region the Middle East.

Silvina Friedlander-Barenboim
IADMFR Regional Director, Middle East

Announcements

Dentomaxillofacial Radiology: Forthcoming Meetings

The 4D Meeting - Dimensions of Dentomaxillofacial Diagnostics in Dalian:
Satellite Symposium supported by the EADMFR and the Chinese Society for
DentoMaxillofacial Radiology

May 22-23, 2011

Venue: Dalian, China

Info: Prof Xu-Chen Ma

E-mail: kqxcma@bjmu.edu.cn

The 52nd Annual Congress of Japanese Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
(JSOMR) accompanied with 18th International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial
Radiology

May 25-29, 2011

Venue: International Conference Centre Hiroshima, Hiroshima, Japan

Info: Prof. Keiji Tanimoto, President

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CARS 2011 - Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery
25th International Congress and Exhibition

June 22-25, 2011

Venue: Estrel Hotel, Berlin, Germany

Info: CARS Office

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Tel.: +49 -7742- 922 434

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European Society for Head and Neck Radiology (ESHNR)

24th Annual Meeting and Refresher Course

September 8-10, 2011

Venue: Congress Centre "Old Sint Jan", Brugge, Belgium

Info: Organizing Secretariat

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16th Annual Meeting of Diagnostic Imaging for Oral and Maxillofacial Lesions (Diagnostic Imaging Section of JSOMR)

October 1-2, 2011

Venue: Chisun Hotel & Conference Center Niigata, Niigata, Japan

Info: Prof. Takafumi Hayashi, President

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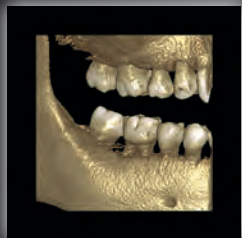


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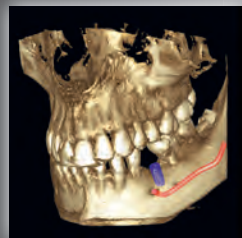
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